

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 142

(By Delegates Perdue, Hatfield, Barill, D. Campbell, Ferns,
Lawrence, Marshall, Moore, Poore, Fleischauer, Moye, Perry,
Phillips, Rodighiero, Staggers, Border, Ellington, Householder
and Rowan)

[Originating in the Committee on Health and Human Resources;
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Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance to conduct a study on timely delivery of medications and timely testing procedures to nursing home patients in transition.

WHEREAS, Nursing home patients typically have no advocates,
thus making them rely heavily on staff and nursing home
administrators for their services; and

WHEREAS, Nursing home patients need both medications readily available to them at all times and timely testing procedures to be executed; and

WHEREAS, Nursing homes businesses with large numbers of homes typically order medications from a central location and often contract with testing companies long distances away (sometimes even being out of state); and

WHEREAS, When nursing home patients transition from a rehabilitation center or hospital to a nursing home, there can be

1 issues that arise when medications are prescribed from the
2 rehabilitation center or a urine or blood test is requested to be
3 administered; and

4 WHEREAS, In the event a nursing home is unable to receive the
5 necessary medications for a resident or perform a test which the
6 results are needed in a timely fashion, a procedural backup plan
7 and/or a local relationship with a local hospital is needed to be
8 in place to address potentially life threatening problems; and

9 WHEREAS, It is the hopes of the WV Legislature that each
10 nursing home in the state shall have the ability to have an
11 emergency plan to give medications and perform prompt procedures to
12 their patients in emergency situations; therefore be it

13 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

14 That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance is hereby
15 requested to conduct a study on timely delivery of medications and
16 timely testing procedures be performed to nursing home patients in
17 transition; and, be it

18 *Further Resolved,* That the Joint Committee on Government and
19 Finance report to the Legislature, on the first day of the regular
20 session, 2012 on its findings, conclusions and recommendations
21 together with drafts of any legislation to effectuate its
22 recommendations; and, be it

23 *Further Resolved,* That the expenses necessary to conduct this
24 study, to prepare a report and to draft necessary legislation be
25 paid from legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on

1 Government and Finance.